required for the purpose; and

(c) what is the amount-provision for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Though there isno separate plan to cover all post offices with telephone facility, Government proposes to provide telephone facility to all Gram Panchayats and an additional 1.5 lakh other villages during the Eighth Five Year Plan period (1992-97). The Post Office is one of the suggested locations for installation of such telephone facility.

(b) and (c) No separate allocation has been made for providing telephone facility to Post Offices under the above plan.

Allocations for Urban and Rural Communication System

104. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the total plan allocation for rural communication system in different parts fo India during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) what would be the proportion of telephone connections in Urban and rural communications systems; and

(c) the steps Government propose to develop the rural communication system during the said period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) An outlay of Rs. 6800 crores is proposed for providing telecommunication services in the rural sector during the 8th Five Year Plan period as per draft 8th plan of the Department.

(b) 6.56 lakh of Direct Exchange lines besides 3.38 lakh long distance public telephones, out of a total of 75 lakh direct exchange lines propose for the country during the 8th five year plan are proposed to be provided in the rural areas.

(c) The draft 8th plan objectives for rural areas include:—

— provision of telephone connection practically on demand from all rural exchanges.

— Automatisation of all rural exchanges.

— Provision of Phone facility in all Gram Panchayat by 1.4.95.

— STD facility to be made available to all exchanges by the end of the eighth plan.

Implementation of PM's directive to surrender 10 per cent telephone lines

105. SHRI N.E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government have surrendered 10 per cent of the telephone lines as per the directives issued by the Prime Minister in this regard;

(b) if so, what is the number of lines available to the Communications Departments as a result thereof;

(c) whether these lines have been allotted to the people registered for telephone connections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from different Ministries and shall be placed on the Table of the House soon.

प्रत्येक पंचायत के लिए एस०टी०डी० सुविधा का प्रावधान

106. **डा० अबरार अहमद:**
चौधरी हरि सिंह:

क्या संचार मंत्री बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने कुछ दिन पहले एक घोषणा की थी कि देश में प्रत्येक पंचायत को टेलीफोन की सुविधा दी जाएगी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अब तक कितनी पंचायतों को टेलीफोन की सुविधा दी गई है तथा कितनी पंचायतों को